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1. The Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) instruction program was instigated in about August 1947 and has since been organized in organizations throughout all the DRV zone. In theory, everyone belonging to a DRV organization receives a minimum of two hours of instruction a day. Government workers are allowed one hour out of an eight hour work day, and are expected to devote one hour from their own time to attend classes.
  2. The main types of instruction are: economic, cultural, political. The type of instruction one receives is determined by the nature of his activity. Political and Communist theory instruction is conducted by the Lao Dong Party and is more detailed than the other types of instruction.
- Political Instruction
3. The objectives of political instruction are threefold:
    - a. To understand local and world current events.
    - b. To understand and help carry out government policies.
    - c. To understand the basic Communist policy and doctrine.
  4. Current Events. Instruction in current events was begun in the latter part of 1950, following the annual Army general review conference. At this conference it was decided that the population was not properly interpreting local current events (the DRV war effort), thereby becoming too pessimistic and uncooperative toward the Army and the Government. Therefore it was decided to "educate" the people about the local situation. This instruction consists of reading and explaining newspaper information to the people and, for those on a higher educational level, reading and discussing news items at meetings held twice weekly.

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5. Government Policy. There is no uniform instruction on this topic. Each DRV organization chooses its own method of presentation and its own reading material, but sees to it that their instruction program does not conflict with the current stage of the government's general policy. These organizations often give instruction tailored to fit their own needs: for example, if it is stated during a self-criticism session that discipline is unsatisfactory, ways and means of improving discipline are discussed and implemented. At the present time economic and financial matters, including taxes on agriculture, production problems, and other economic problems, are considered of special importance and instruction in these matters is included in all instruction programs.
6. Communist Theory. The Propaganda Teaching Committee (Ban Tuyen Huan) of the Lao Dong Party is in the process of organizing a uniform Communist instruction program. At present, instruction on Communism is given in the various organizations by the political commissars who conduct the program in their own way. However, the following points are usually included: the national revolution, the power of the masses, the basic economic and financial policies of the government and of the Lao Dong Party, the policy of the United Front, Marxist theory, history of the revolution of man, theory of revolutionary strategy for the construction of the Party. These points are considered basic and must be studied by everyone. In order to standardize the instruction program, the Lao Dong Party has organized a cadre training school in each Interzone.

Instruction Methods

7. The DRV instruction method includes two essential points:
  - a. Instruction should always be linked with the reality of the Communist movement in the Vietnamese society.
  - b. Criticism and self-criticism should be promoted.

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